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SIX ZERO PT TWO, FICEURLANT NORFOLK VA.

7. ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION COMPRISING SECRETARY
GENERAL MAHMOUD RIAD AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF
BAHRAIN, TUNISIA (AND PERHAPS SYRIA) MAY ARRIVE
JULY 1 OVERLAND FROM DAMASCUS. DEPUTY SEC GEN HASSAN
SABRI AL-KHOLI SAYS THAT ALL PARTIES IN CRISIS HAVE
NOW ACCEPTED IDEA OF ARAB LEAGUE FORCE. HOWEVER,
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FRANGIE SENT MESSAGE TO RIAD JUNE 30 SAYING ARAB
LEAGUE SHOULD TAKE RAPID INITIATIVE TO END LEBANESE
DRAMA WHILE AT SAME TIME HE RESERVED RIGHT TO
APPROVE OR REFUSE AL DECISIONS. FRANGIE ALSO

DECLARED THAT LEBANESE RELATIONS WITH DAMASCUS DO NOT CONCERN AL. NEW CONTROVERSY SHAPING UP AS FRANGIE TOLD RIAD LEBANON'S AMBASSADOR TO EGYPT MOHAMMED SABRA IS TO BE CONSIDERED RETIRED AS OF JULY 1 AND REPLACED AS LEBANON'S REPRESENTATIVE TO AL BY AMBASSADOR TO TUNISIA JOSEPH SALAME. DECISION CONTESTED BY RACHID KARAME AS SABRA RETIREMENT ENGINEERED BY "FOREIGN MINISTER OF KFOUR," CAMILLE CHAMOUN. ENTRY OF ADDITIONAL ARAB LEAGUE FORCES BECOMING MORE AND MORE BONE OF CONTENTION. BOTH YASIR ARAFAT AND COL. KADHAFI HAVE NOW ACCUSED SAUDI ARABIA OF DELAYING ITS CONTINGENT. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF IMMINENT ENTRY ADDITIONAL AL FORCES.

8. ON INTERNAL POLITICAL FRONT, JUMBLATT REPORTEDLY TOLD ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE Kholi JUNE 30 THAT HE "WILLING TO CONSIDER EVERYTHING" (I.E., NEGOTIATIONS) IF CHRISTIANS WITHDRAW TO PREVIOUS POSITIONS AROUND TELL ZAATAR, AND HE SENT MESSAGE TO KING KHALED OF SAUDI ARABIA ASKING SAUDIS TO COME TO RESCUE OF MOSLEMS IN LEBANON. AMIN GEMAYEL SAYS PHALANGISTS GOT INVOLVED IN TELL ZZAATAR FIGHTING RELUCTANTLY, HAD HOPED PURSUE POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH JUMBLATT THROUGH LIBYAN PREMIER JALLOUD.

9. "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF LEBANESE CRISIS BEYOND ARAB LEAGUE FORCE AGAIN BEING BRUITED ABOUT, THIS TIME BY BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT. IN JUNE 30 PRESS CONFERENCE, PIERRE GEMAYEL SAYS RIGHTISTS MIGHT STILL OPT FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION IF AL EFFORT FAILS. KAMAL JUMBLATT, IN COMPANY OF SEVERAL LEFTIST AND PALESTINIAN LEADERS, INCLUDING ABOU-LUTF, VISITED SOVIET EMBASSY AND IS SAID TO HAVE "SOLICITED SUPPORT OF USSR." HE ALSO SENT MESSAGES TO SEC GEN RIAD AND TO COMMUNIST SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN EAST BERLIN. HE CALLED ON RIAD TO APPLY AL CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE CONCERNING SYRIAN RETREAT. HE APPEALED TO COMMUNIST PARTIES OF WORLD TO USE METHODS THEY DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO FORCE SYRIAN RETREAT FROM LEBANON, SAFEGUARD PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE, AND UNITE LEBANESE TERRITORY.

10. METROPOLITAN BEIRUT SUFFERING WORSENING SUPPLY AND WATER SHORTAGES AS ELECTRICITY FAILURE CONTINUES. EVEN DRINKING WATER NOW AVAILABLE MANY SECTORS ONLY IN SMALL QUANTITIES AND CROWDS VIE FOR OFTEN BRACKISH WELL WATER. CITY CONTINUES PUMP LIMITED WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS AS SMALL AMOUNT ELECTRICAL POWER PERMITS. DANGER OF EPIDEMIC

INCREASING AS UNCOLLECTED GARBAGE POLLUTES STREETS.
AND RAT POPULATION PROLIFERATES. BREAD STILL IN VERY
SHORT SUPPLY DUE ELECTRICAL OUTAGE IN BAKERIES.
MEDICINES AND FUEL ALSO IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY AND
PRICE EXTREMELY HIGH WHEN AVAILABLE. FOREIGNERS,
AS WELL AS LEBANESE WHERE POSSIBLE, CONTINUE TO
LEAVE BEIRUT. FRENCH-ORGANIZED CONVOY OF 20 CARS
LEFT FOR DAMASCUS JUNE 30.

11.BEIRUT'S HOSPITALS VERY HARD HIT BY WATER AND
SUPPLY SHORTAGES. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL (AUH)
NOW REPORTS WATER CRISIS AS ONE-DAY SUPPLY REMAINING
FOR LIMITED USE. LAUNDRY SHUT DOWN AND EMBASSY
ATTEMPTING ASSIST AUH BRING IN DISPOSABLE LINENS.
HOSPITAL CANNOT STOP WATERLESS NEIGHBORS DRAINING
OFF HOSPITAL'S DWINDLING SUPPLY. THREE WELLS ON AUB
CAMPUS PROVIDING BRACKISH WATER TO HOSPITAL BUT
SUPPLIES INSUFFICIENT. PARTICULARLY ENDANGERED ARE
25 RENAL DISLAYSIS PATIENTS FOR WHOM AUH AND EMBASSY
SEEKING SECURE PASSAGE TO TEMPORARY HAVEN OUTSIDE
LEBANON. URGENTLY NEEDED MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR
HOSPITAL'S 350 PATIENTS AND 25 DAILY SURGICAL
EMERGENCIES ARE STILL IN EUROPE AND US DUE AIRPORT
SHUTDOWN. AUH HOPES BRING MOST URGENTLY NEEDED
SUPPLIES OVERLAND FROM DAMASCUS.
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